THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Th$_e$ issue of pricing of natural gas for various uses is under Government's consideration.

LPG dealer^

876. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased t$_0$ state:

(a) the total number of L.P.G. dealers in the country, s'ate-wise, showing general category unemployed graduates, SC/ST, freedom fighters, widows and ex-servicemen separately;

(b) what steps Government propose to take to increase the dealerships in the country; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to fix up the quota in favour of SC/ST dealers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH); (a) The information is being collected and will be laid oa the Table of the Sabha.

(b) Setting up of ne-v LPG distributorship on the basis of economic viability in towns having a population of around 20,000 is a continuous process, subject to augmentation in LPG availability, bottling capacity and infrastructure facilities.

(c) The reservation quota fixed for SC/ST is being filled up under the Marketing Plans with the continuing selection of distributors by Oil Selection Boards and commissioning of the distributorships.

Petrol/Diesel dealers in the country

877. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Miinster of PETRO-LUEM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Petrol/ Diesel dealers in th$_e$ country, state-wise, showing general category un employed graduates, SC/ST, freedom fighters, widows [a]nd iac-Servicemen separately;

(c) what steps Government propose to take to increase the dealerships in the country; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to fill up the quota in favour of SC/ST dealers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) The requisite information is given in the enclosed statement (See below').

(b) Setting up of new retail outlets on the basis of economic viability and the prescribed volume-distance no^ms is a continuous process.

(c) The reservation quota fixed for SC/ST is being filled up under the marketing plans with the continuing selection of dealers by Oil Selection Boards and commissioning of the re-tail outlets.

Statement

No. Of Retail Outlets (Petrol/Diesel) as on 1-2-1986

S. No.	Name of the State/Union Territory	SC/ST	UG/UEG	FF	PH/DDP/WW	Others	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Himachal Pradesh .	1	3	..	1	54	59
2	Haryana . .	15	12	3	6	369	432

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3	Jammu & Kashmir	..	..	..	4	96	100
4	Punjab	29	28	2	8	798	865
5	Rajasthan	29	25	3	9	642	708
6	Uttar Pradesh	38	38	8	18	1531	1633
7	Delhi	2	11	..	15	203	231
8	Chandigarh	1	..	..	..	16	17
9	Arunachal Pradesh	10	..	..	..	6	16
10	Assam	10	4	..	1	248	263
11	Bihar	22	34	3	7	709	775
12	Bhutan	..	..	..	..	7	7
13	Madhya Pradesh	9	29	1	10	727	776
14	Manipur	4	1	..	2	7	14
15	Meghalaya	8	..	..	1	23	32
16	Mizoram	4	..	..	..	4	8
17	Nagaland	3	..	..	..	15	18
18	Orissa	9	10	1	2	256	278
19	Sikkim	..	..	..	..	7	7
20	Tripura	2	..	..	..	25	27
21	West Bengal	42	36	1	18	822	919
22	Andaman & Nicobar	..	..	..	..	1	1
23	Gujarat	22	21	6	10	803	862
24	Maharashtra	34	32	5	18	1275	1364
25	Goa, Daman & Diu	..	2	..	..	61	63
26	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	..	..	..	..	1	1
27	Andhra Pradesh	43	40	5	18	960	1066
28	Karnataka	15	32	..	8	759	814
29	Kerala	9	12	1	7	596	625

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
30	Tamil Nadu .	59	40	3	22	1124	1248
31	Pondicherry . .	3	1	..	1	18	23
32	Lakhsadweep . .	..	..	..	..	..	..
	TOTAL . . .	423	411	42	186	12190	13252

There is no separate reservation for widows and Ex-servicemen.

Hence no statistics on them are maintained.

SC/ST: Scheduled Castes/Schedukd Tribes.

UG/UEG: Unemployed Graduates/Unemployed Engineering Graduates.

FF: Freedom Fighters.

PH/DDP/WW: Physically Handicapped/Defence Disabled Personnels/War Widows.

Others: General.

Kerosene dealers in the Country

878. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Kerosene dealers in the dbuntry state-wise, showing general category unemployed graduates, SC/ST, freedom fighters, widows and ex-servicemen separately;

(b) what steps Government propose to take to increase the number of dealers in the country] and

(c) what steps Government propose *to* take to fill up the quota in favour erf SC/ST dealers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH); (a) The requisite information *is* given in the enclosed statement. *(See* belcw)

(b) Setting up of new SKO/LDO dealerships on the basis; of economic viability is a continuous process.

(c) The reservation quota fixed for SC/ST is being filled up under the marketing plans with the continuing selection of dealers by Oil Selection Boards and commissioning of the SKO/LDO dealership.

Statement

(As on 1-2-1986)

S No.	Name of the State	SC/ST	UG/UEG	FF/SW	PH/DDP etc.	Others	Total
1	Haryana . .	7	2	..	20	101	130
2	Himachal Pradesh .	..	..	..	3	19	16